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SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" As the fishermen in South Kanara, especially in Kasargod taluk, are very backward and financially poor, will the Government be pleased to supply mid-day meals to the children attending the Fisheries Schools? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Government cannot, as a matter of general policy, supply midday meals to all fishermen children. Whenever it is brought to the notice of the Government that distress is prevailing on account of the monsoon and poor catches of fish, the Government may consider the supply of midday meals for a temporary period."

SRI O. KORAN :—" May I know whether the Government have received any representation from Kasargod taluk requesting the supply of midday meals to the children attending the Fisheries Schools there? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Government made an enquiry and found that the monsoon was over and that there was no need for supplying midday meals."

State Electricity Board.

* 557 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether generation and distribution of electricity are under the control of the State Electricity Board constituted under section 5 (1) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No State Electricity Board has been constituted in this State, as the Government are of the view that such a Board is neither desirable nor necessary in the present position of development of generation and distribution of electrical energy in this State."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" தலைவர் அவர்களே, 1948-ம் வருஷத்திலேயே ஸ்டேட் எலெக்ட்ரிஸிடி போர்டை ஏற்படுத்தவேண்டும், அந்த போர்டானது கன்ஸ்யூமர்களுக்கு ரிபேட் கொடுப்பது, இன்னும் பலவிதமான சௌகர்யங்களைச்செய்து கொடுப்பது ஆகிய காரியங்களைக் கவனித்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று சட்ட ரீதியாகவே சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அப்படியிருந்தும் இதுவரையிலும் அந்த போர்டை ஏற்படுத்தாததற்குக் காரணங்கள் என்ன ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Government feel that it is not desirable to constitute such a board now, as we have to complete some schemes and some further developments are to take place. The reasons are too many to be given by way of an answer to a supplementary question. If the hon. Member is interested, I shall be making a statement about this during the budget debate."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ஒவ்வொரு ராஜ்ய சர்க்காரும் உடனடியாக இந்த ஸ்டேட் எலெக்ட்ரிஸிடி போர்டை ஏற்படுத்தவேண்டுமென்றும், இது சம்பந்தமாக மத்திய சர்க்கார் எல்லா ராஜ்ய சர்க்கார்களும் அடங்கிய மகா நாட்டைக் கூட்டப்போவதாகவும் சொல்லப்படுவது உண்மையா, இல்லையா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is a Council of State Ministers and that is dealing with this question now. Our State is more or less objecting to the formation of the Board."

Number of cases registered under section 145, *Criminal Procedure Code, in Malabar after the coming into force of the Malabar Tenancy* (*Amendment*) *Act*, 1954.

* 558 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of cases registered under section 145 in Malabar district in general and Walluvanad taluk in particular after the enactment of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1954;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representations regarding such cases;

(*c*) if so, the nature of the representations and from whom they were received; and

(*d*) what action the Government propose to take or have already taken on such representations?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) I am answering this question on the assumption that the hon. Member is referring to cases under section 145, Criminal Procedure Code. The total number of such cases registered in Malabar district after the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1954, came into force is 31. Out of these eleven cases were registered in Walluvanad taluk.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Do not arise."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" There were some cases where the landlords tried to enter on the lands occupied by tenants and the tenants sought the help of the police. The police, instead of taking action against the trespasser, caused the promulgation of an order under section 145 and this has caused hardship to the tenants. May I know what the Government propose to do to give protection to the tenants? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is always open to the aggrieved parties to go to a Court of Law."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" These tenants carry on *punam* cultivation and they have what is known as *kuttipunam* right. They enter the land and begin to cultivate. The landlord disputes the rent fixed under the Malabar Tenancy Act creates some trouble and gets order under section 145, Criminal Procedure Code, promulgated, and by the time the matter is settled, the agricultural season will be over. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire into these 31 cases, as most of them are cases of *punam* cultivation? "